EP 12

" Wisdom "

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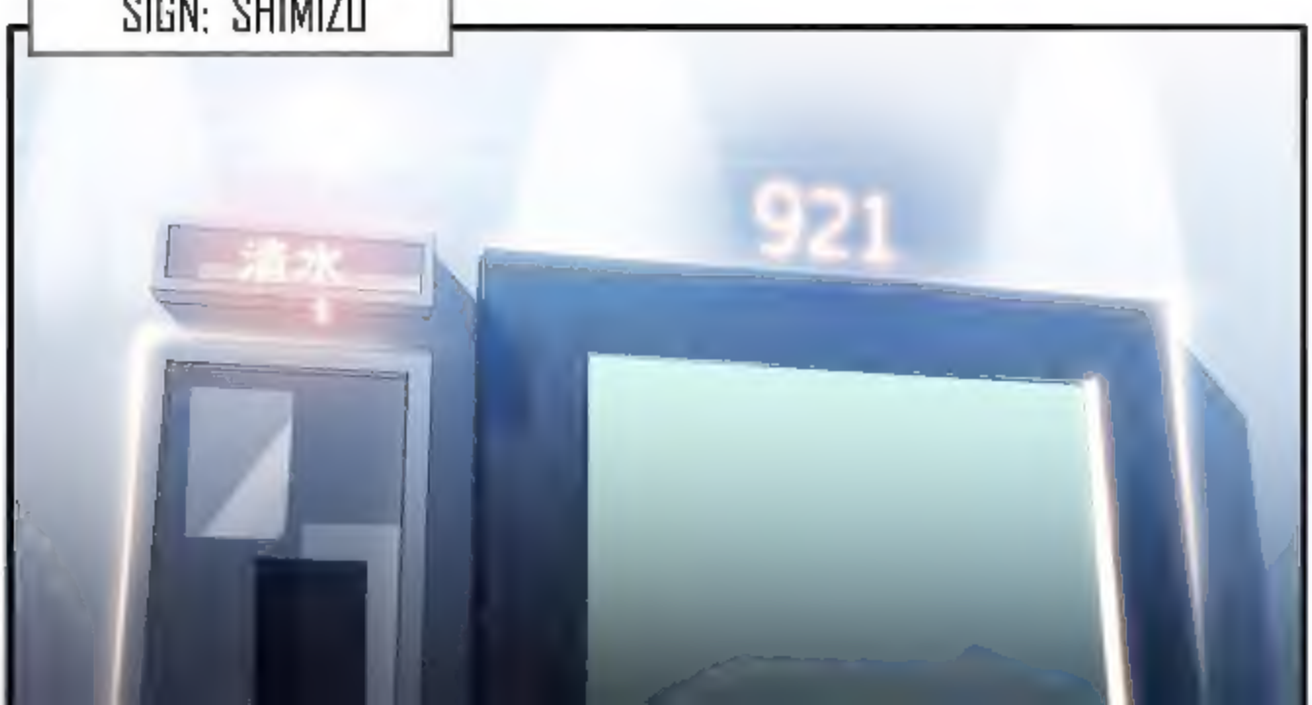
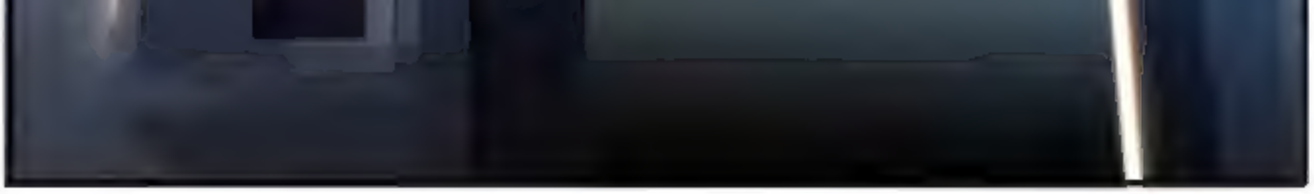
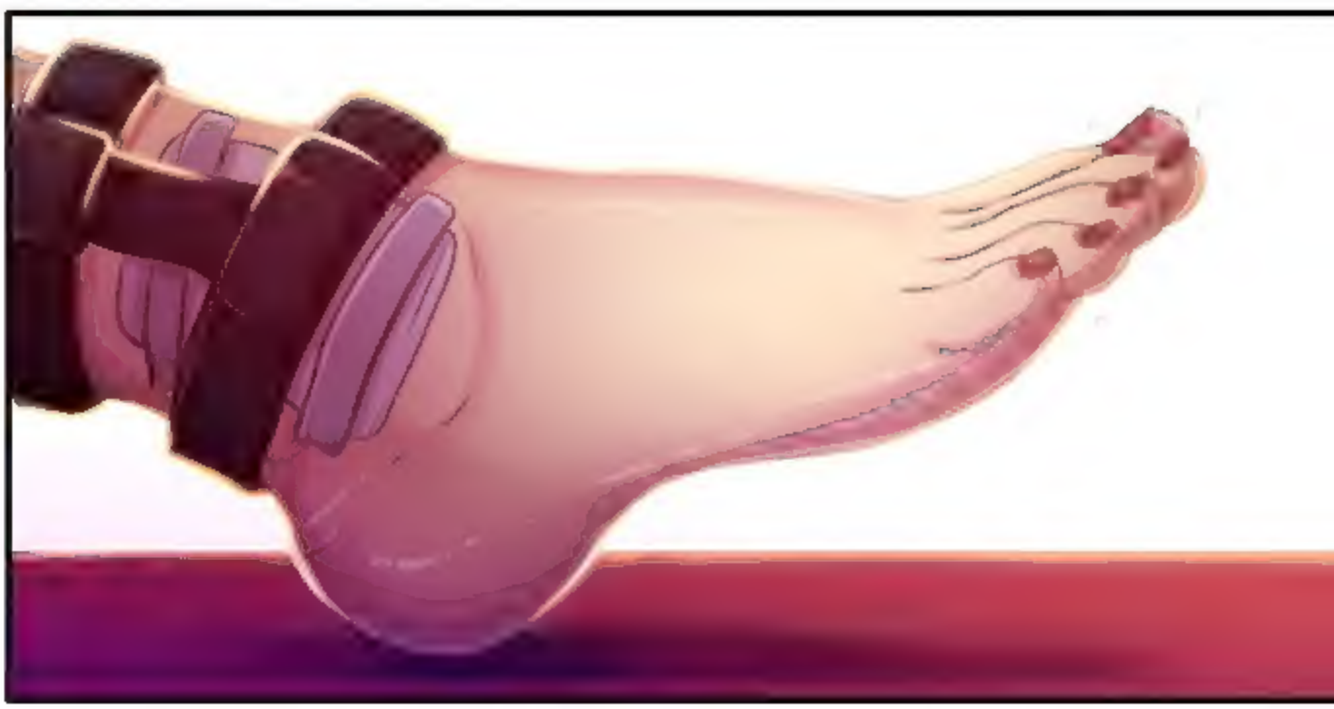






I'm sorry.

I guess you won't be able to join the event I arranged for you. What did the doctor say?

I can't play for two weeks.

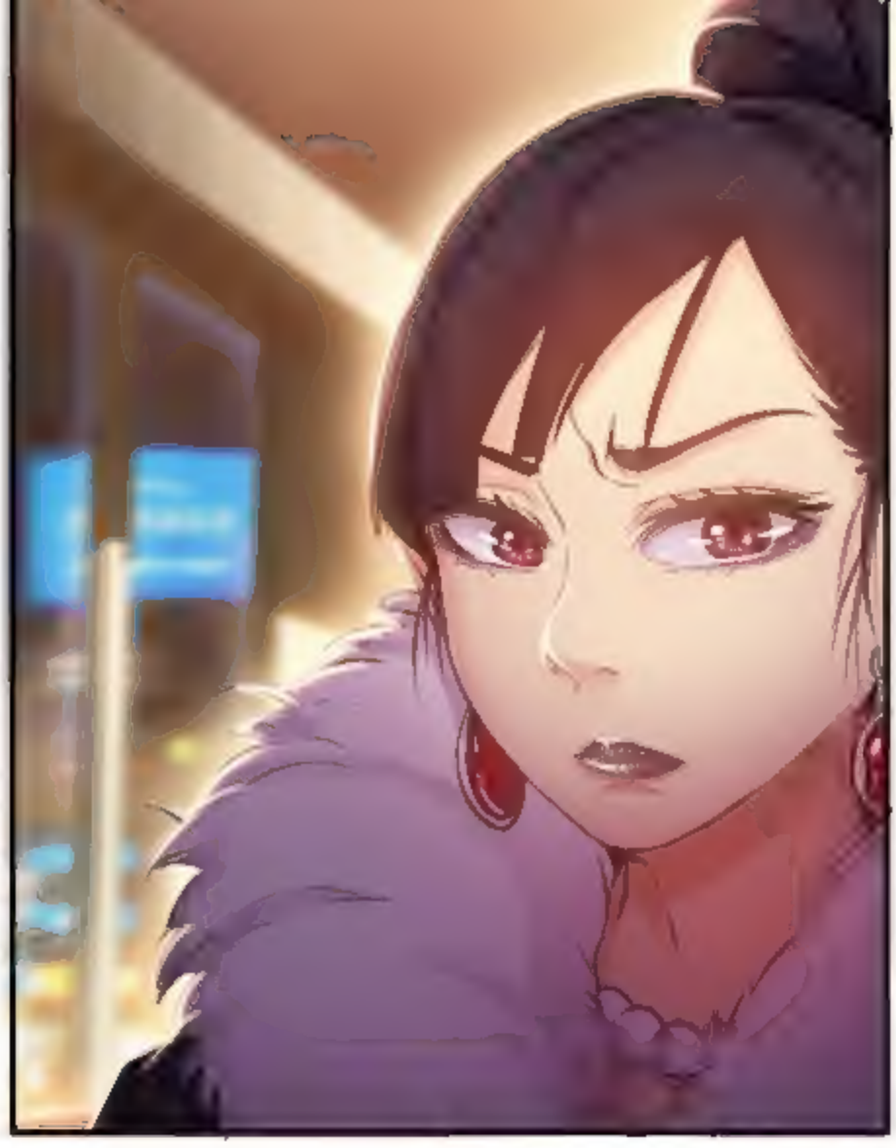
Is that why Axel asked to play doubles with me?

You are not going
to take part in that event, Anya.
Not with that injury!

Where is he?
I need to talk to
him.

Mom,
Axel's not to blame.
It's my fault,
okay?

He's in the bathroom
right now.

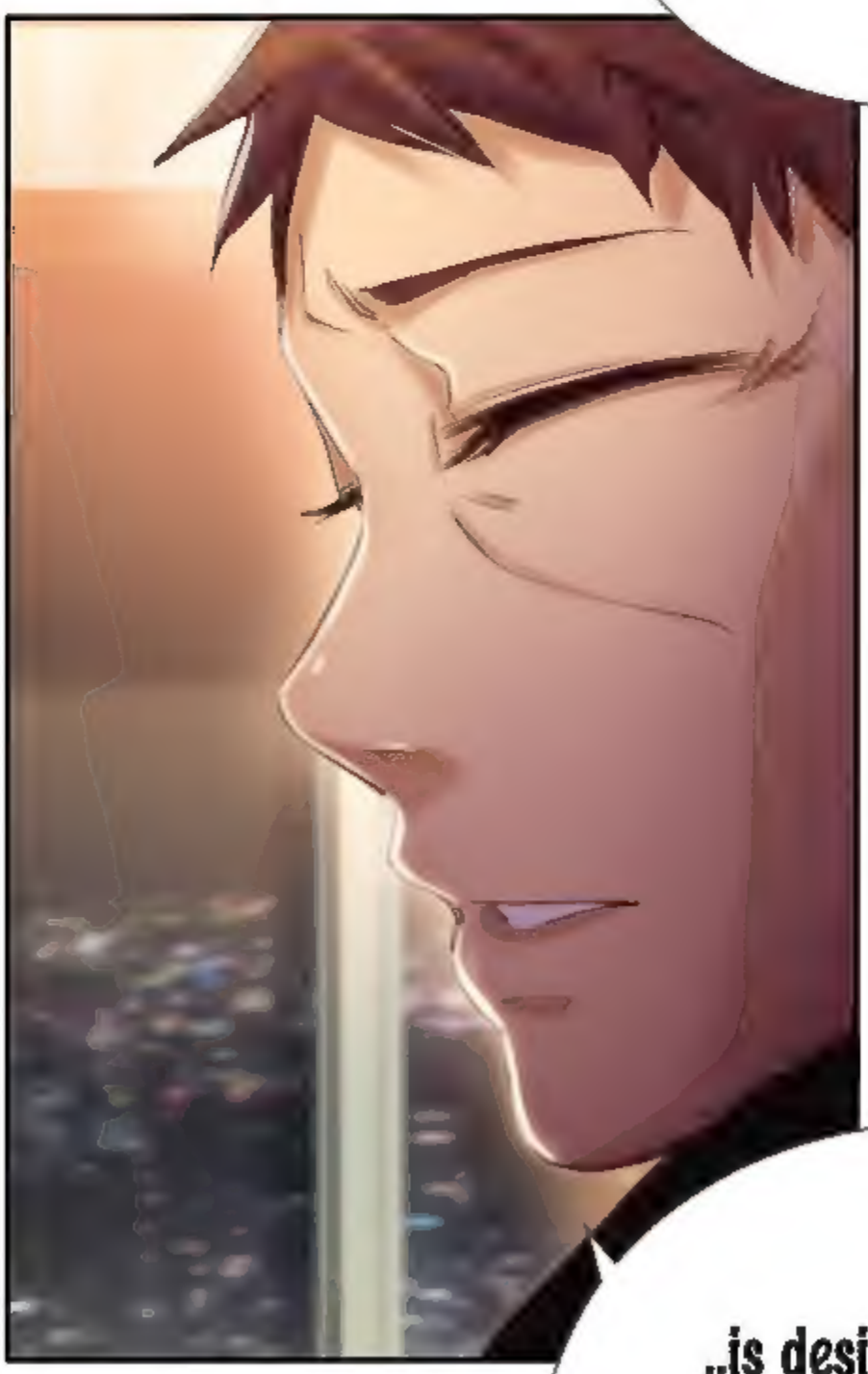


Anya, I already told your Mom everything. I think it's time for you to know about Axel's Tennis.

His Tennis?

Nathan,
tell her.

Axel's Tennis..

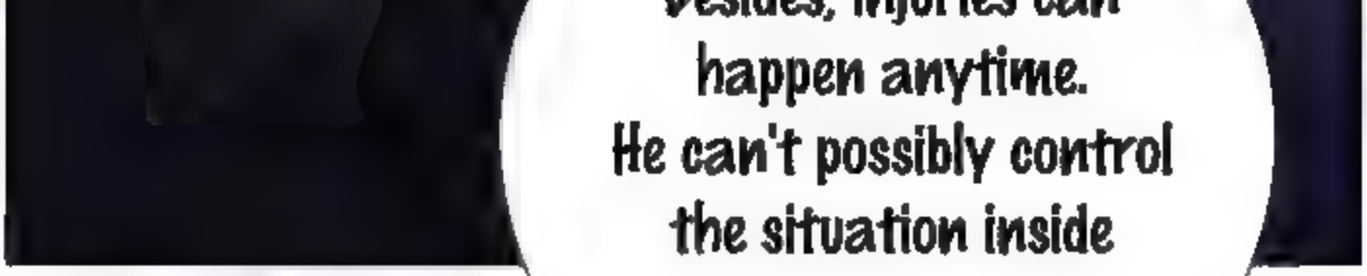


..is designed to injure his opponents.

Even I myself can't beat him anymore.

Pffft..
Come on Dad,
Stop exaggerating.
I know you've aged but I don't think he's good enough to beat you in a serious match.

Besides, injuries can



Besides, injuries can happen anytime. He can't possibly control the situation inside the court, can he?

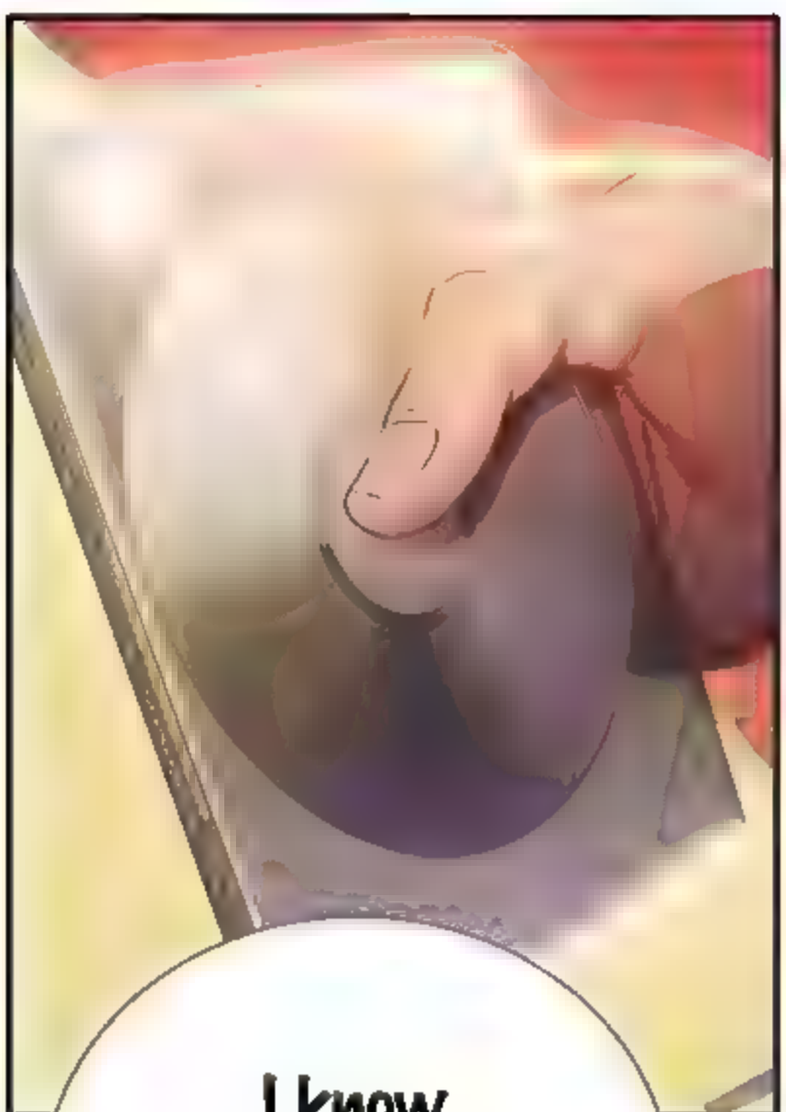
Even I found it impossible at first, Anya. Nathan showed a video to me. During my time, such gamestyle did not exist.

Watching that kid play gives me goosebumps.

You rejected any help
from me either.
I hope this defeat made you
realize that you can't win
on your own, Anya.

Here, take it.

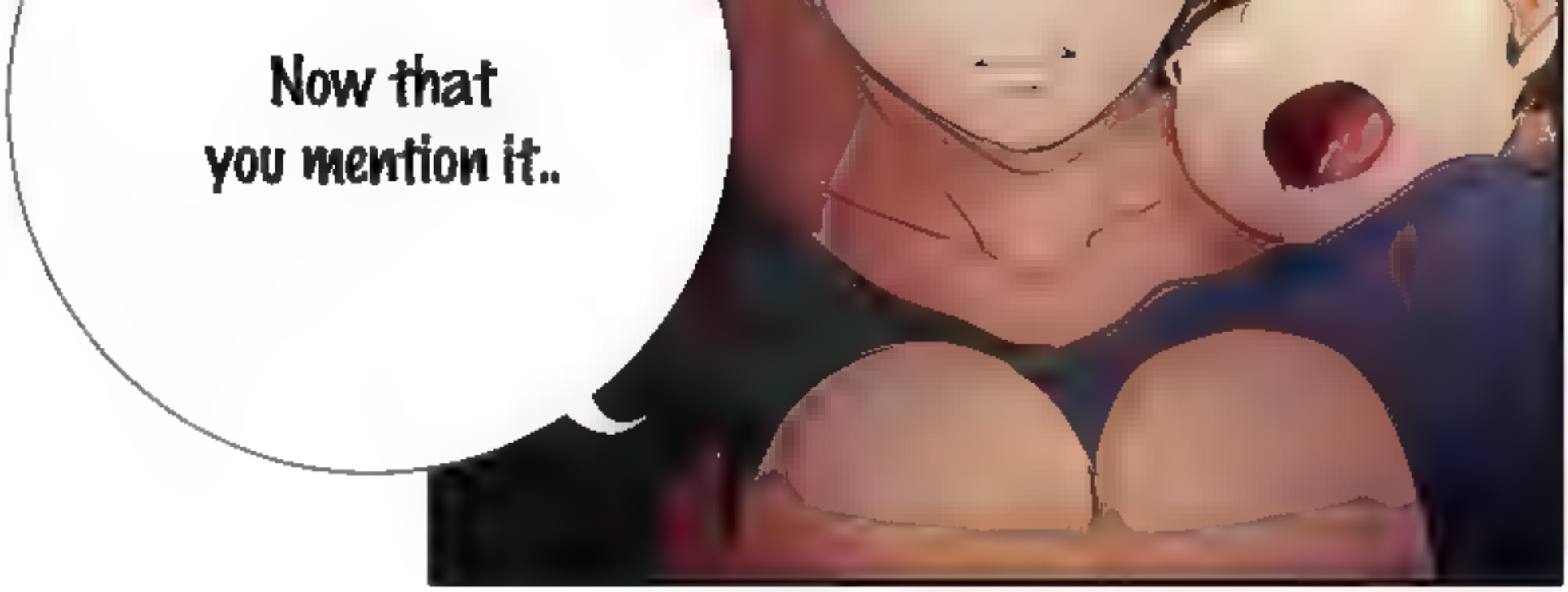
All my match against
Axel is recorded here.



I know you can beat him.

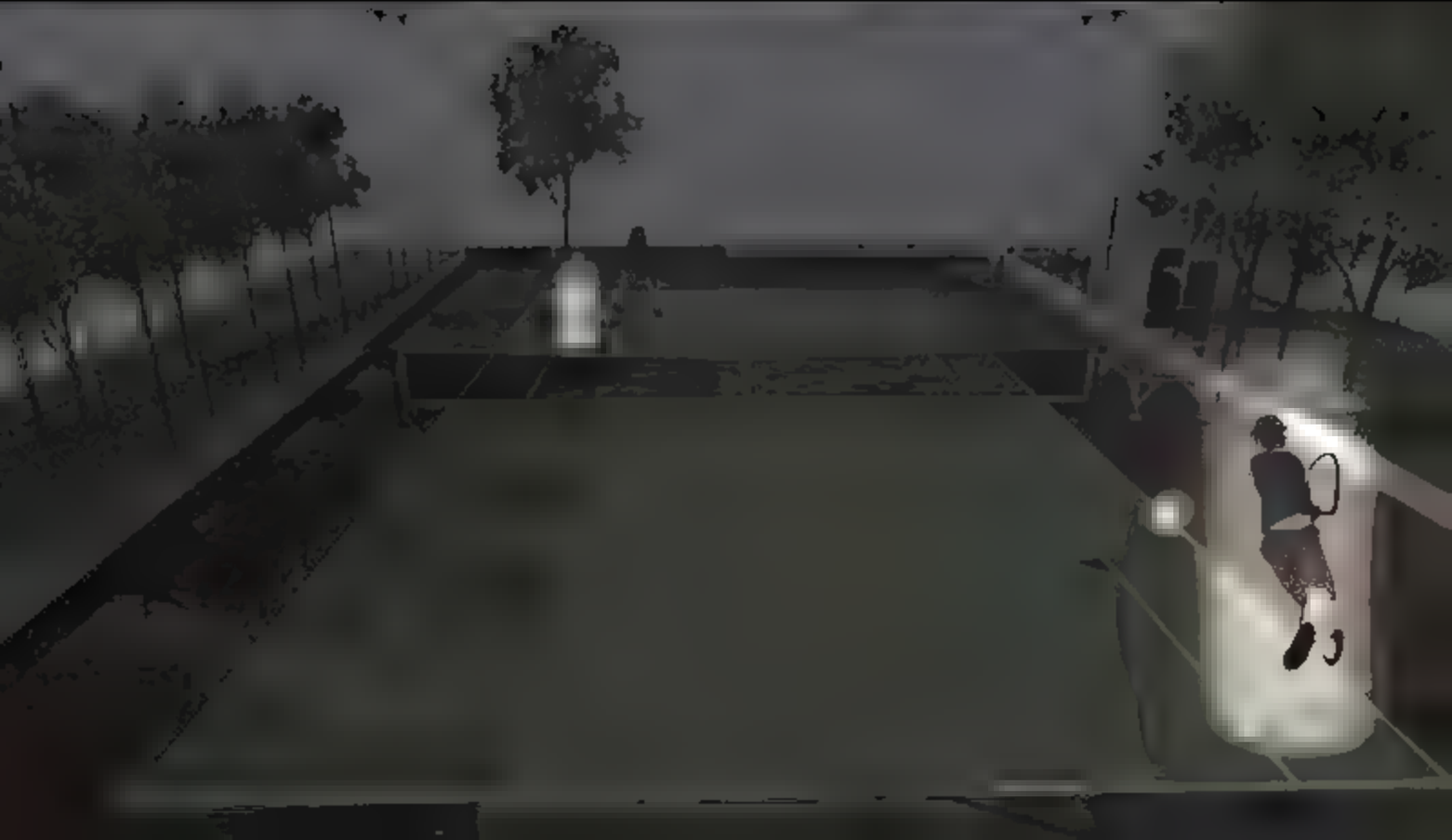
His playstyle
is consistent and stable.
Out of his 122 amateur
matches, 97 got injured.
He's yet to lose to anyone.
I'm sure you noticed it,
Anya...

He can hit at the same spot all throughout the game.


Now that
you mention it..

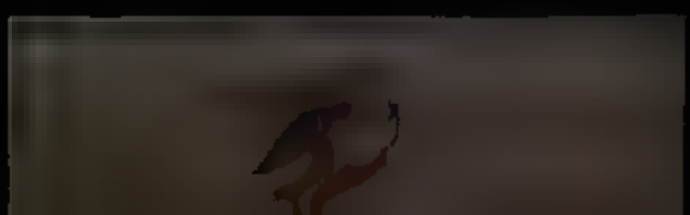
He kept hitting hard shots to my "RIGHT"

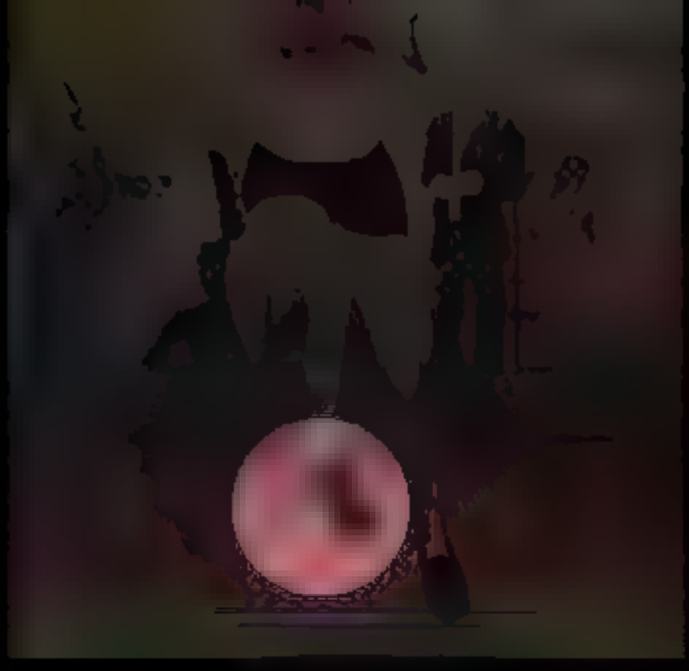
I thought he was trying to avoid my forehand
since I am left-handed.



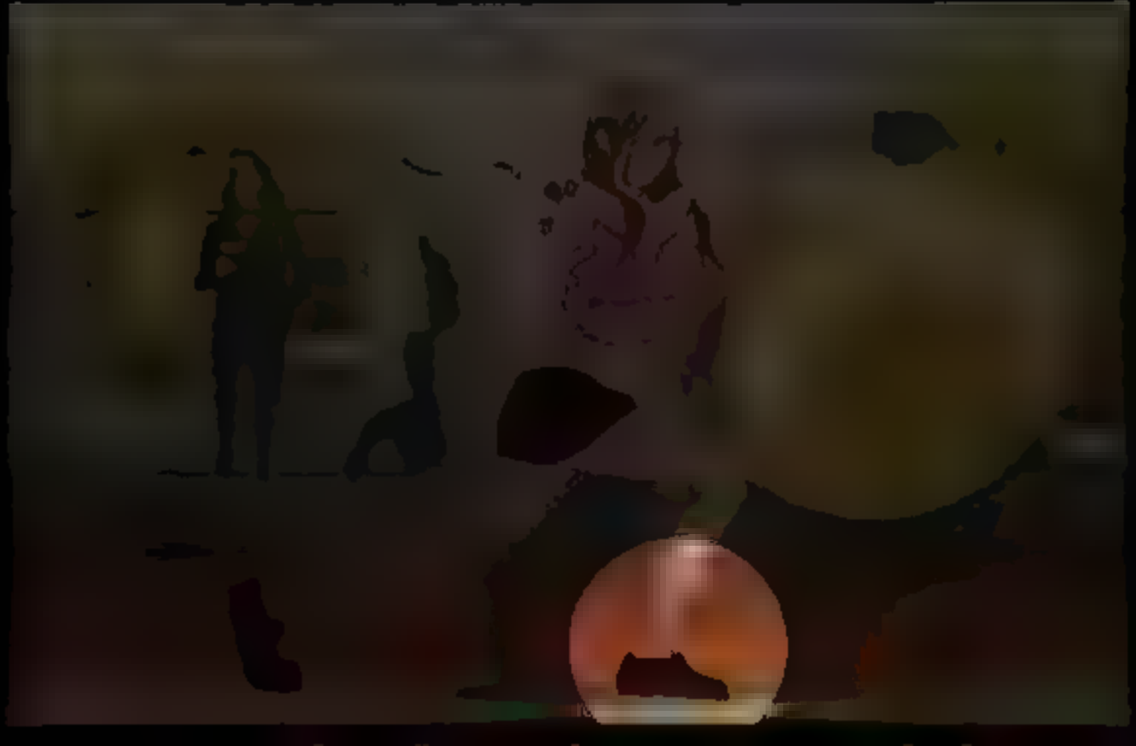
During the first set,
he was trying to pinpoint
the source of my power and
forced me to hit all
my winning shots.

By sacrificing all six games,
he managed to weaken my
lower body.





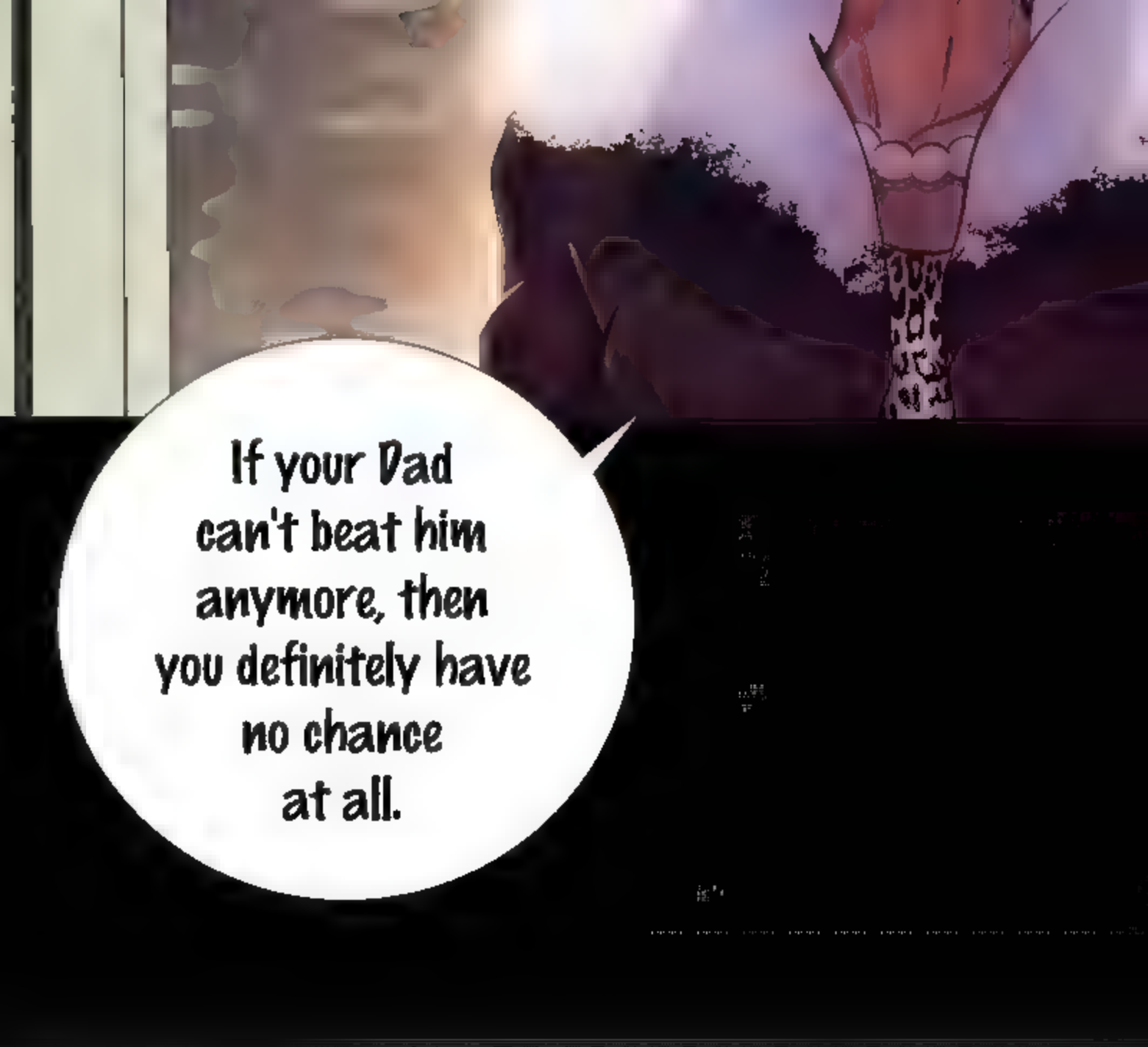
In the second and third set, he kept hitting fast serves,
hards shots and made me run back and fort



I didn't notice all the stress that went to my right foot.

It then started to feel so
heavy and I couldn't keep up anymore.

That kid is talented but dangerous. Even amongst the professionals, mastering both control and power is not easy.



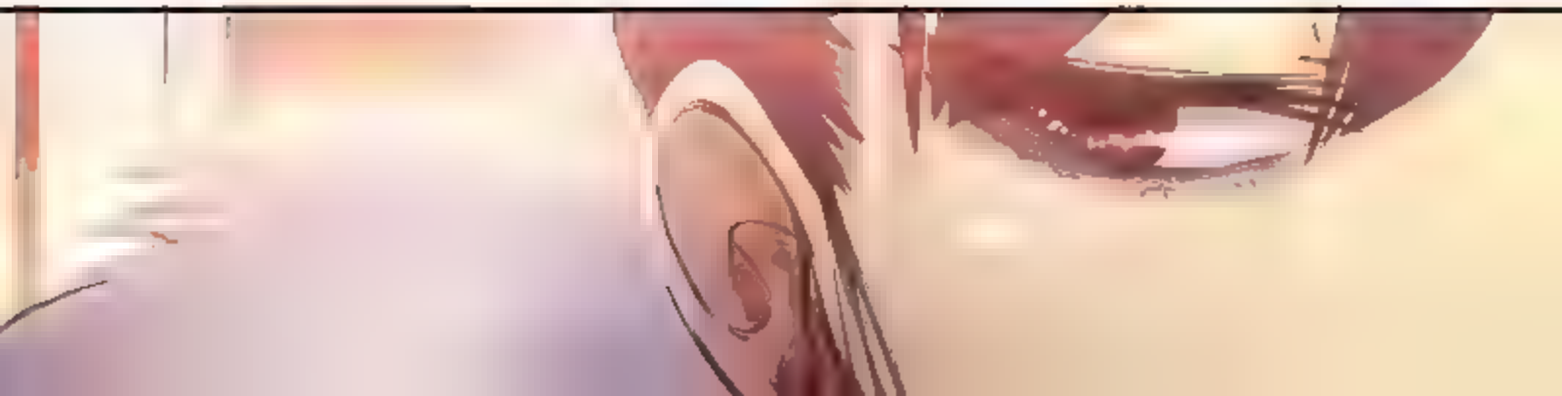
Just like how spiders catch their prey...

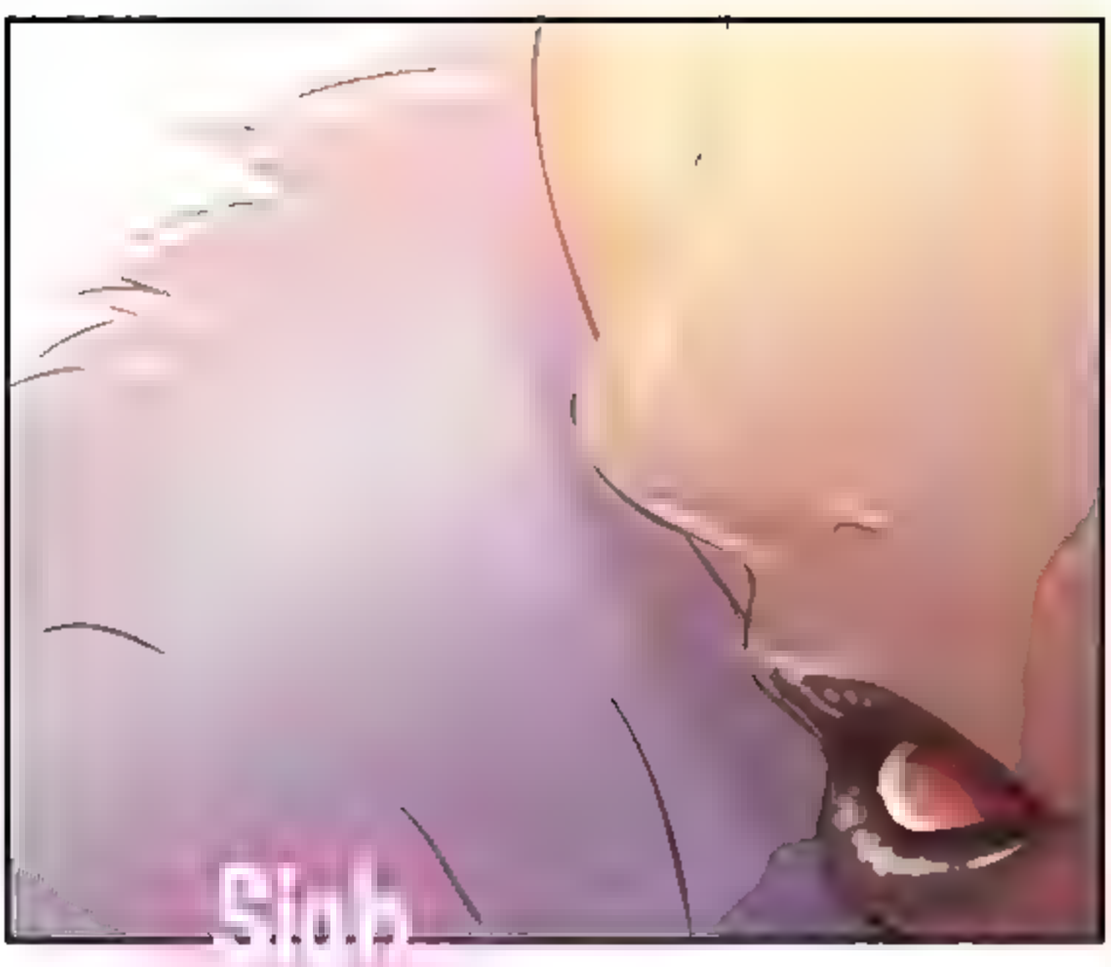
If you are not strong enough to escape from his territory, it's over.

Yeah,
I know.

I'm weak.
Mom, sorry for running away
like that. I just..I just wanted to play
with him. Eight years ago, he said you can't
beat Dad because you're a girl,
I wanted to prove that he's wrong..
so I-...

I guess I can never
be like you after all.

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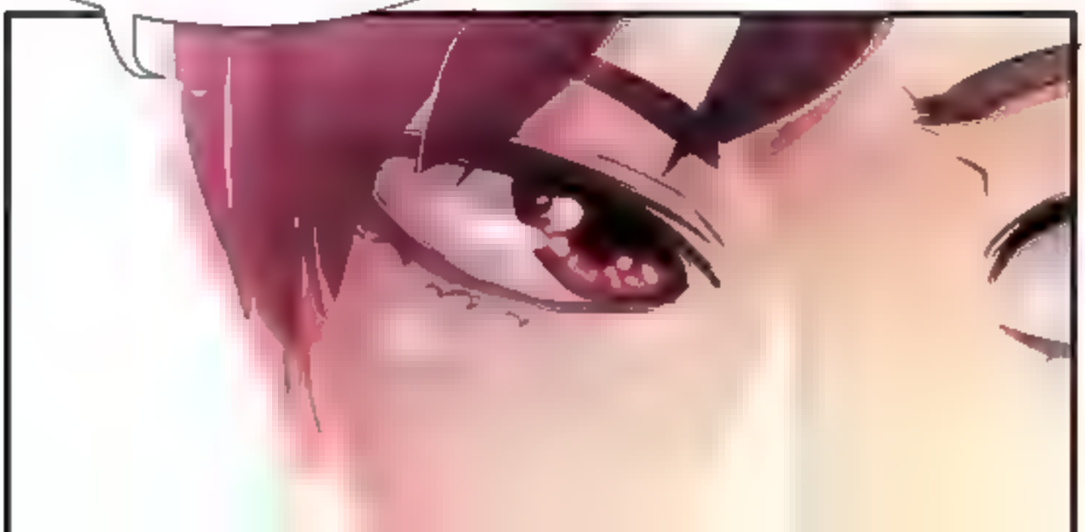
As long as you regret your

actions, then it's fine.
When I was your age,
I did something the same but
I don't want that to happen to you.
I only want what's best for you,
Anya.

I don't want you to rebel against me, so let me ask you one more time..



Do you really
"like" him?

He took me away from
the Dragon, Fulfilled his promise,
I got hurt, carried me like a princess
and did embarassing
things just to comfort me.

I can't let go
of him now.

I know one way
that will surely make him
notice you, Anya.

Beat him..

"Just like how I won
your Father's heart."

You are becoming soft, Deadman. ghehihihih

She's different!
Different!? Fooo!!!
She's a SHIMIZU!
The cause of our misery now!!!
THEY TOOK EVERYTHING FROM US,
AXEL.

THEY'RE ALL THE SAME!!

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To be continued..